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Re: **Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1**

To Whom It May Concern:

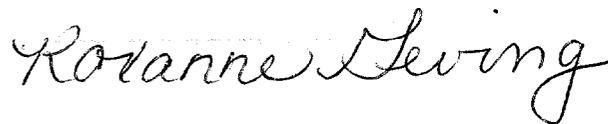
I applaud the efforts of the USDA to stop purchasing meat from "downed animals" for the National School Lunch Program.

I urge the Food and Drug Administration to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of all downed animals. It is impossible to transport or move a downed animal humanely; therefore it contributes to undue suffering of the animals. Not only that, downed animals may pose a threat to the health of those who eat them. Finally, the percentage of downed animals is small, causing no economic hardship to the industry.

Much of the public is unaware of the slaughter of downed animals for economic reasons. It is my belief that most people would be appalled at the practice, therefore I am requesting that you seriously consider granting petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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